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To whom it may concern:

I recently read an article that stated proposed new FDA regulation for the label of shell eggs, namely; "Safe Handling Instructions: Eggs may contain harmful bacteria known to cause serious illness, especially in children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems." I feel this is completely unnecessary and certainly would cause irreparable damage to the egg industry. In fact, that statement could probably be put on innumerable consumer products. Why cause a possible panic in the consumer with such statements?

One of the concerns with eggs, as I hear it, is the possible contamination by an organism called "salmonella enteritidis" that has caused some problems in humans. It is my understanding that there are ~~numerous ways to help~~ control this possible problem, one of which is to administer a killed vaccine/bacterin to the pullet, (young layer) to control the shed &/or spread of this SE bacteria if the birds are challenged. This appears to be a much safer way to attack a problem and help prevent it from occurring rather than alarm the consumer of the remote possibility of a problem. There are some countries in the world who recognize killed vaccine administration as mandatory and a safe way to help control a possible SE problem!

Please take this into consideration in your evaluation process. We need less problems in our lives rather than more!!!!

Sincerely,



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